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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 20, 2003 (Paper No. 20) in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. The present Amendment and Response is accompanied by a request for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee, therefore, it is timely filed. A Notice of Appeal is filed herewith to maintain the pendency of the application.

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